

THE
United Church OF THE **San Juans**

WORSHIP IN HARTWELL PARK

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Schafe Können Sicher Weiden (J.S. Bach)

UCSJ ENSEMBLE

WELCOME

PASTOR PAM STOFFERAHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Henry Van Dyke and Ludwig van Beethoven)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother - all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When we turn to scripture today, we'll see that, just like Peter, most of us want to get all "legalistic" about forgiveness. We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient. We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we tend to follow the adage, "Once burned, twice shy." We need to be reminded of the many ways in which God has offered, time and time again, forgiving love to us. Let's open our hearts to God's abundant forgiveness by confessing our sin in order that we might, in turn, be more able to extend that forgiving grace to others.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Leader: Faithful God,

People: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Leader: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy spirit, live in freedom and newness to share that abundant grace with others in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Laudate Dominum (W.A. Mozart)

KRISTIN MCCRORY, SOLOIST; CAROL BRECKER, FLUTE

English Translation: *Praise the Lord, all nations.*

*Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations,*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will. Open our hearts to be transformed by the reading of your word as your teaching becomes embodied in our lives.

People: Amen.

WELCOME THE GOSPEL

It is Well With My Soul (Refrain)

The musical score is for the refrain of the hymn 'It is Well With My Soul'. It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is divided into three parts: 'Cantor:' (measures 1-4), 'Cantor:' (measures 5-6), and 'All:' (measures 7-10). The lyrics are: 'It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.' The piano accompaniment provides a simple harmonic support for the vocal line.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

HOW MANY TIMES?

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SONG OF THE DAY

Ubi Caritas et Amor (Trad. Latin, Jacques Berthier, words)

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Instrumental Improvisation

ULLI SIR JESSE, RECORDER; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, KEYBOARD

*This is the Lord's Table, and all are welcome here. Servers will bring communion to you. All service is grape juice.
Gluten-free communion is available. Just let your server know if that is your preference.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

PASTORAL BLESSING

SENDING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Martin Luther)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' hom who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace; Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

Instrumental Improvisation ULLI SIR JESSE, RECORDER; KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, KEYBOARD

Ensemble: Ulli Sir Jesse, Vocals; Kim Lundgren, Flute; Carol Brecker, Flute; Sue Conrad, French Horn; Katy Kristoffersen, Keyboard